

Table 3 Social, Welfare and Health Data

	United States	North Carolina	Number of States Higher
Food Stamps¹			
Percent of Population Participating in Federal Food Stamp Program, FY 2016	13.9	15.8	13
Federal Food Stamp Program, Average Monthly Benefits per Participant, FY 2016	\$125	\$119	31
School Lunch Program²			
Percent of students eligible for free/reduced price lunch through the National School Lunch Program, 2015–16	52.1	57.4	13
National School Lunch Program, Cost per Participant, 2017–18	\$422	\$442	14
Supplemental Social Security Income (SSI)³			
Percent of Population Receiving SSI Benefits, 2017	2.6	2.3	22
Average Monthly SSI Payment for Retired Recipients, 2016	\$1,360	\$1,360	24
Average Monthly SSI Payment for Disabled Recipients 2016	\$1,171	\$1,170	22
Average Monthly SSI Payment for Widow/er Recipients, 2016	\$1,301	\$1,293	31
Average Weekly Unemployment Insurance Benefits, December 2018 ⁴	\$361	\$261	42
Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)⁵			
Average monthly number of families (thousands) receiving TANF, 2017	1,083	16	13
TANF Recipients as a Percent of Resident Population, 2017	0.8	0.8	18
Average Annual TANF Assistance Payment per Recipient (Not including Child Care), 2017	\$5,470	\$2,600	46
Medicaid⁶			
Total Medicaid spending (State & Federal) as a Percent of Total State Budget (State & Federal), FY 2017	28.9	29.4	15
State-funded Medicaid spending as Percent of State-funded Budget, FY 2017	16.0	15.4	15

¹U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). ²U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service, Child Nutrition Tables: Cash Payments and Total Participation tables. ³U.S. Social Security Administration, Master Beneficiary Record and Supplemental Security Record: Number of Recipients and Amount of Payments by State. ⁴U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Monthly Program and Financial Data, Monthly Program and Financial Data: Dec. 2018 Summary Data for State Programs. ⁵U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Family Assistance. ⁶National Association of State Budget Officers (NASBO), State Expenditure Report: Examining Fiscal 2016–2018 State Spending.